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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Joseph G. Furst
For : IRRADIATED STENT COATING
Serial No. : 10/039,816
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Gr. Art Unit : 3731
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Examiner : Vy Q. Bui
Our Docket : ICON 2 13110

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**PETITION FOR REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) TO RESPOND TO
THE OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 23, 2003**

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Dear Sir:

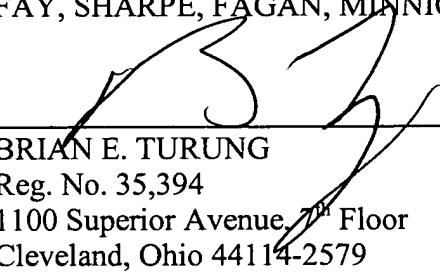
An office action on the above referenced patent application was issued by the Examiner on December 23, 2003. A timely response to the office action under the shortened statutory period was due on March 23, 2004.

Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) during which to file a response to the outstanding office action. The fee for filing such an extension of time to respond to the above referenced office action, namely \$55.00 as prescribed under 37 C.F.R.

1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith. However, if it is determined that an additional fee is necessary, or if it is established that a credit is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

Applicant's attorney can be reached at the telephone number below if any further information is needed.

Respectfully submitted,
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